UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
STEVEN GERARD SLEDGE,	Ş	
Petitioner,	8 8 8	
versus	§ (CIVIL ACTION NO. 9:19-CV-184
DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID,	§ §	
Respondent.	§ §	

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Petitioner Steven Gerard Sledge, an inmate currently confined at the Michael Unit, proceeding *pro se*, brought this petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

Discussion

On August 31, 2020, the court dismissed the above-styled petition as barred by limitations. Petitioner has filed a motion for relief from final judgment (#12). This memorandum considers such motion.

Analysis

Rule 60(b), FED. R. CIV. P., provides in pertinent part:

On motion and just terms, the court may relieve a party or its legal representative from a final judgment, order, or proceeding for the following reasons: (1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect; (2) newly discovered evidence that, with reasonable diligence, could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b); (3) fraud ..., misrepresentation, or misconduct by an opposing party; (4) the judgment is void; (5) the judgment has been satisfied, released, or discharged; it is based on an earlier judgment that has been reversed or vacated; or applying it prospectively is no longer equitable; or (6) any other reason that justifies relief.

After careful consideration, the court is of the opinion that petitioner's motion for relief from judgment fails to set forth a meritorious ground warranting relief. As explained in the report and the memorandum entered in the above-styled action, petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus was filed more than five years too late and is barred by the applicable one-year limitations period. Accordingly, petitioner's motion should be denied.

ORDER

For the reasons set forth above, petitioner's motion for relief from judgment should be denied. It is

ORDERED that petitioner's motion for relief from final judgment (#12) is **DENIED**.

SIGNED at Beaumont, Texas, this 7th day of March, 2025.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE